

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile

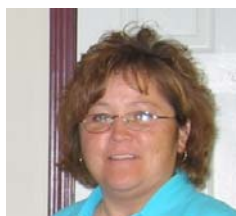
Saint Regis Mohawk

The Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation is located in the northern-most corner of New York State, on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. It is dissected by the US/Canadian border. The New York State portion of the reservation is home to approximately 6,900 Mohawk people.

Injury Topics addressed by 2000–2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Child Passenger Safety
Bike Safety
Fall Prevention
Fire/Burn Safety
Poison/Choking Prevention
Seatbelt Safety
ATV and Snow Machine Safety
Playground Safety

Injury Prevention Program Staff



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Tenure: 9/1/2000 – 8/30/2005

Training: IHS Levels I–III IP Courses, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Instructor and Technician, IHS IP Epidemiology Fellowship, Epi Info



Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Fire Department • Police Department • Local Schools • Media • Public Health Nurse • Head Start • Medical Clinic • Local Businesses • Community Health Representatives • Indian Health Service • Bureau of Indian Affairs • State Agencies • Funeral Homes

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Increased overall driver and passenger seatbelt use at select locations. Accomplishment resulted from:
 - Developed a media campaign to increase occupant restraint,
 - Amended Tribal Traffic Law to include booster seats for older children,
 - Conducted and reported quarterly seatbelt surveys.
- Reduced risk of injury in homes. Accomplishment resulted from:
 - Conducted home safety surveys in over 300 homes,
 - Increased presence of functional smoke detectors,
 - Insured that hot water temperatures did not exceed 120 degree Fahrenheit.
- Increased skills and ability to manage injury-related data. Accomplishment resulted from:
 - Staff attended data management training (Epi-Info),
 - Staff conducted training sessions with other Tribal Departments.



Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Car Seats - Bureau of Indian Affairs Highway Safety.
- Smoke Alarms – IHS Sleep Safe Project.